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be those arguments too, Senator DeCamp. I'm sure that you're willing to address that when you close. These are questions that I have in my mind about your amendment. I cannot support it because of those particular issues.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett. There is one other light on. Are there five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is shall debate now cease. Record your vote. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 6 nays.

PRESIDENT: Debate ceases. Give us your reply, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, prior to the amendment coming up I passed out, to every member of the Legislature, a rather detailed analysis of this particular amendment, its effects, the constitutional questions, previous court rulings, what other states had done in the area, the arguments pro and con. I think almost every question raised by Senator Mills and Senator Chambers are addressed in there. I think the fundamental question gets down to this, this Legislature did go along with the concept of informed consent. Informed consent simply means this, that prior to walking in and immediately getting an abortion the woman be informed by a responsible person, and we selected the doctor, of the various possibilities and alternatives to that abortion, the possible medical effects, the possible mental effects, if any. Once having adopted the posture that informed consent is proper and should be in the law, which you have now already done, you then have the responsibility to make that informed consent a meaningful concept. How is it a meaningful concept? It is a meaningful concept by having an adequate period of time for the woman to evaluate the information she has received. So those of you who supported the concept of informed consent, which was a major majority of the Legislature, now have, I think, the obligation to support the strengthening or giving meaning to that informed consent concept. As to constitutionality, as I've suggested, I had my own reservations as to whether this particular waiting period would be constitutional. Research was done. Court cases were located. Other laws were found, and the indications are that it is indeed constitutional. So on that basis, I would urge you to support the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Record your vote on Senator DeCamp's amendment. Have you voted? Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 10 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of things to read into the Journal. May I do that? Mr. President, your Committee Enrollment and Review reports we have examined and reviewed LB 522 and recommend it be replaced on Select File as amended, LB 4 replaced on Select File as amended, LB 520 replaced on Select File as amended, LB 533 Select File as amended, 542 Select File, 543 Select File as amended, 544 Select File, and 536 Select File as amended. Signed, Senator Cullan, Chairman. Mr. President, LR 78, requesting that the State Office Building be named after the late George Gerdes, will be read into the Journal and laid over. Mr. President, Senator Richard Lewis asks unanimous consent to print amendments to LB 204. Mr. President, the next amendment on LB 38 is offered by Senator Barnett. It's found on page 921 of the Legislative Journal.

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